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| Title: | METHOD OF PREVENTING REDUCTION OF SALES AMOUNT OF RECORDS DUE TO DIGITAL MUSIC FILE ILLEGALLY DISTRIBUTED THROUGH COMMUNICATION NETWORK | | |
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
37 CFR §1.115**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows in accordance with this Request for Continued Examination:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.